



**Board of Directors Meeting  
April 8, 2021**

**Present: Allison, J., Crowthers, C., Dintiman, R., Greene, H., Hust, D., Kogut, J., Lockwood, K., Luchsinger, J., Porter, K., Price, MS., Roth, J., Sable, K.**

**Executive Director: Shanberg, A.**

***Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this meeting was held by Zoom internet communication.***

**The meeting began at 6:32pm.**

**1. Board Chair Opening Remarks**

Pleased to announce that Board Development has identified Sullivan County District Attorney, Meagan Galligan as a candidate for the Board and she has been cleared by her employer, the County.

**2. Review of Minutes:**

A motion was made by Jane R. and seconded by Hester G. to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. Motion passed.

**3. Executive Director's Report, highlights (complete report attached)**

- Sadly, Ariel reported that Tina Spangler has submitted her resignation as of mid-May. There was discussion to perhaps combine the now vacant Communications Director and Grants Coordinator positions into a full-time position.
- During a recent storm the glass from an upper floor of our building fell on to the roof of a car parked on Main Street. The owners of the vehicle are requesting payment for the damages since their car insurance will not cover the expense. The Board felt the estimate submitted was high and requested the owners of the vehicle seek a second estimate.

**4. Financial Report (attached for review)**

- Not many changes in our financial status from last month. We continue to do well financially.
- Business sponsorship had not reached the budgeted goal at this time. This is somewhat understandable due to reductions in business as a result of Covid.
- Bank statements have been reconciled thru March.

**5. Committee Reports –**

**Re-Branding** - The 3 things left to focus on include:

- Copy/language
- Theme Color

- Imagery

The budget for the re-branding project is still on target. The website portions launched appear to be working well.

**Advocacy** - nothing to report.

#### **Board Development**

- Meaghan Galligan has accepted the invitation to be a nominee for a Board position and will satisfy our need for a Board member with legal skills.
- We are still seeking a candidate with financial background who may serve as a future Treasurer.

#### **Fundraising –**

- Committee report attached. The Business Supporter program is falling short of the budgeted goals.
- Events:
  - *Young Japanese Garden* - the goal is to have 100 guests at \$100/each. The committee wishes to make the event an “experience” rather than a stand- alone dinner. Volunteers are needed.
  - *Nantucket Raffle* – A raffle for a stay the week of July 19 will be sold.

**Programming –** nothing to report

#### **Facilities –**

- The committee is looking at ways to comply with new Covid regulations as related to the Tusten Theater and Kraus recital Hall.

#### **Executive Committee –**

- Motion to enter into **Executive Session** was made by Jane L. and seconded by Jean K. to move into Executive session at 7:28pm. Session ended at 8:13 pm.
- A motion was made by Jean K. and seconded by Dan H. to submit a letter of Right of First Refusal to the Town of Tusten for the purchase of Town Hall. The vote was all in agreement with one abstention by Jane Luchsinger.

**Strategic Planning Meeting-** A Saturday morning meeting will be scheduled within the next month.

#### **VII. Old Business**

Nothing to report

#### **VIII. New Business**

Nothing to report

**Adjournment:** Motion made by Jane Luchsinger and seconded by Hester Greene to adjourn at 8:18 pm

**Submitted by:**

**Jane Luchsinger, Secretary**